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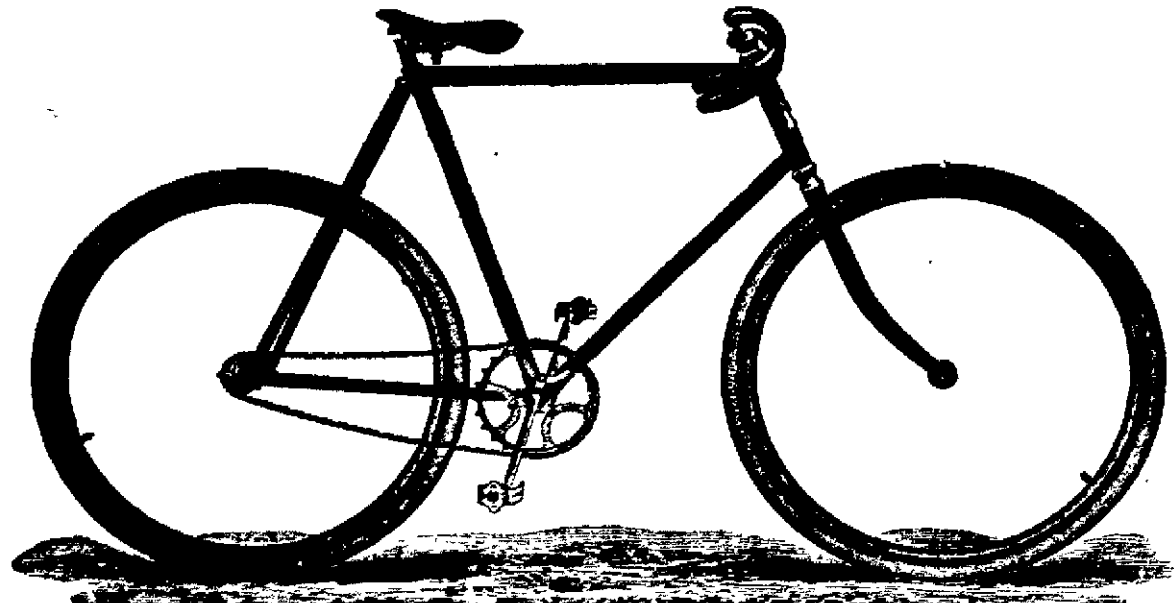
Our business for the first week of our great is unprecedented. We have learned a lesson. This is our 26th year in business, and a memorial year we will make of it. What the people want is up-to-date goods at the lowest possible cut prices

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Ladies' Wrappers:

672 Wrappers for this great sale. Lot No. 1—Ladies' dressmaker made Wrappers, made from the very best percale, all dark styles, handsomely trimmed and perfect fitting, \$1.48. Lot No. 2—Ladies Light Percale Wrappers, all dainty patterns, handsomely trimmed with Hamburg and double ruffle of the goods. A dainty house dress at \$1.29. Lot No. 3 is our great leader. Eight different styles in about twenty-five different colorings. Couldn't be better made by yourself for the money. All have extra vests of the same material, have bound seams, perfect fitting, come in both light and dark styles, 98c. Many styles would charge you \$1.50 for no better. Lot No. 4—Mostly all dark styles, made from percale and indigo blue prints and toulard cloth. Not one worth less than \$1. For this great sale 79c.

Separate Skirts.

48 Black Figured Skirts, cut 3 1/2 yards wide, cambric lined, bound with velvet. As long as they last 98c. 72 Black Figured Brilliantine Skirts, cambric lined, velvet bound, all handsome patterns. As long as they last \$1.48. 24 Black Figured Brilliantine Skirts, rustle lined velvet faced, bound seams, \$1.98. 24 black silk finished plain Brilliantine Skirts, fancy black lining, satin waist band, couldn't be better made, \$3.68. Our tailor made Skirts, in all wool Serges, trimmed with three and five rows of Heren's braid. Our silk finished figured Brilliantine Skirts are worth \$5 in any store. For this sale \$3.98.

An Umbrella Bargain.

125 twilled carola silk umbrellas made with steel rods, Congo handles, Sterling silver trimmed, worth \$1.50; for this sale, 98c. 75 pure silk Taffeta Umbrellas, steel rods, with silk case and tassels, Congo handles, worth \$2; for this sale \$1.48. The above are all black, 26 inches, good for rain or sun. Any lady who needs a fine umbrella can save just 50c by buying it at this sale.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests.

1,540 Ladies' Summer Ribbed Vests in this lot. 60 doz. ladies' white 15c ribbed vests, short sleeves, full sizes; as long as they last 10c. 60 doz. ladies' white 10c sleeveless vests, good sizes; as long as they last 5c. 25 doz. ladies' ribbed, extra size vest, sizes 7, 8, 9, sleeveless; as long as they last 15c, two for 25c.

Black and Fanciful Underskirts.

Our underskirts are all made by a corset factory, corded with the corset bone, guaranteed to last as long as the skirt does or we refund the money. Black sateen skirts cut extra full, trimmed with fine ruffles, guaranteed fast black 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.79. Fancy Perca Silk skirts, looks like silk and wears much better, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.68. Black Moroccan Skirts \$1.98, \$2.08. Crash Underskirts for summer 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48.

Domestics.

Best Indigo Blue Prints 4c. a yard; 8c all linen brown crash 6c yard; cotton crash 3 1/2 and 4c yard; 5-4 bleached pillow cases 7c; 5-4 best pillow cases 12c; 6-4 best bleached pillow cases 14c; best bleached sheets made, 40, 44, 48c; good bleached muslin 4 1/2c yard; best bleached muslin made 6 1/2c yard.

Dotted Swiss.

10 pieces fine dotted stripe and figured curtain Swiss, 36 inches wide, as long as it lasts, 12 1/2c yard. An odd lot of dotted swiss, slightly soiled, sold from 25 to 40c yard, to close out quick 15c yard.

A Handkerchief Bargain.

1,200 white, real hem-stitched handkerchiefs, every lady ought to buy a dozen at the price as long as they last 8c each.

Black Dress Goods.

40 inch all wool black Serge, sold by all for 39c, for this sale 29c; 38 inch Black Brilliantine, the regular price 40c, for this sale 33c; 38 inch all wool, figured, black goods, regular price 50c, for this sale 40c; 43 inch Black Brilliantine, sold everywhere for 75c, for this sale 50c; 46 inch all wool Cravenette Black Serge, sold by all for 69c, for this sale 59c; 46 inch silk finish black Brilliantine, sold all over the world for \$1, for this sale 75c; 50 inch all wool silk finish black Serge, real value \$1.25, for this sale 89c.

Colored Dress Goods.

700 yards all wool fancy mixed dress goods manufactured to sell at 50c. We have just closed out the lot from the mill agents for spot cash so we can sell them for just half, 25c yard. The best bargains ever offered by any store. 12 pieces Covert Cloth in all the latest colorings, tans, light greys, apple, greens, new blues, 38, 40 and 46 inches wide, 50 and 75c yard.

A Silk Bargain.

600 yards black figured silk, 20 and 24 inches wide, all new goods, comes in small and large figures, made to sell for \$1. The manufacturer's loss is your gain. Just the thing for skirts or skirt waists as long as it lasts 69c.

Bicycle Dress Goods.

250 yards cotton covert, extra fine and heavy, sold in every store for 15c; comes in tans, greys and light olives, as long as this lot lasts 10c yard. All linen crash and linen suiting purchased by us in December at one-third less than we can buy the same goods to-day. Fine for crash skirts as long as it lasts 10, 12 1/2, 19c yard.

Dress Linings.

Best Kid Cambric 3c yard; 15c fast black and all colors in Perkle 10c yard; best French real hair cloth all colors 25c yard; Silesia all shades and fast black 10c yard.

Lace Curtains.

Lot No. 1. Nottingham curtains, 3 yards long, 49c a pair; lot No. 2 Nottingham curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.68; lot No. 3 Brussels net curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, extra wide, all dainty new patterns, at \$1.98, \$2.48, \$2.98. Match them for double the price if you can.

Curtain Poles.

Ash, Cherry and Walnut Curtain Poles with brass trimmings complete, five feet long, 19c; white enamel poles with white and brass trimmings to match for this sale only 25c; best white enamel, five foot poles, with fixtures complete, 40c; 1 gross brass curtain rods, extend from 24 to 44 inches, for this sale 10c.

Corsets.

We keep all the standard makes of corsets at the right prices. Just now we mention four specials. 300 summer corsets made from fine strong netting, double tapes, making them extra strong; never been sold for less than 39c, as long as they last 29c. An extra long waisted summer corset made extra strong, perfect fitting, front steel have cloth protector to keep hooks from rubbing the waists; for this lot 49c. Davis's special corset made from extra quality, sateen high bust, perfect fitting, worth 75c, our price 59c. P. U. Corset—This is our regular six hook corset, made from the very best stock, warranted perfect fitting, come in white, drab and black, 75c.

White Bed Spreads.

200 White Bed Spreads bought from the manufacturer at spot cash prices. If you need any this season buy now. 11-4 extra heavy 69c spread, all hemmed, ready for use, 49c; 11-4 and 12-4 extra heavy, all hemmed, ready for use, best value ever shown at 69. 98c; 12-4 real Marseilles Spread, sold all over the world for \$1.75, for this sale only \$1.39.

SPAIN IS YIELDING

Willing to Allow President McKinley to Relieve the Cubans.

FEELING IN CONGRESS.

Strain of Discontent Follows the Presidential Message.

SPANISH INQUIRY COURT'S REPORT

Expressions of Opinion by Congressmen on McKinley's Message—Mosquito Fleet Formed of Small Craft For Use In Case of War.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Yesterday was one of action in every branch of official life—action in the White House, where the president and his cabinet advisers assembled in special cabinet session at 10:50; action in both branches of congress, where the message of the president on the Maine disaster and the report and testimony of the court of inquiry were received; action in the secret conferences of state officials and diplomats concerning the latest phases of Spanish-American negotiation, and action in the war and navy departments, with the Spanish situation as the common purpose of all the varying aspects of official action. Seldom has a day been replete with so many diverse and important phases of a single subject.

Yet throughout this activity the prevailing tone as received from administration sources has been more assuring, more in the line of peace, than it has been for some days. This was the impression conveyed by cabinet officers after the special cabinet session. The same sentiment characterized the diplomatic conferences at the state department. But in congress, which afforded the greatest field for anti-Spanish and warlike expressions, a strain of discontent and uneasiness prevailed after the president's message and the Maine report was submitted, especially on the house side.

The special cabinet session was held to go over the president's message and particularly to consider the latest developments in the negotiations now proceeding with Spain. These had assumed a wide field, embracing not only the Maine question, but the entire Cuban problem. The answer of Spain was in hand to the firm note sent through Minister Woodford last week stating that the condition of Cuban affairs had become so intolerable that the United States could not much longer remain inactive toward it.

The general tone of the Spanish answer impressed the president and cabinet officers most favorably, so much so that after the meeting it was stated by members that the outlook was far more assuring and that Spain had shown such a conciliatory tone that it was believed she would make concessions sufficient to permit an amicable adjustment of the present strained relations.

This was qualified, however, by the statement that the danger point had not yet passed and that war, while no longer a probability, was yet a possibility. The president had distinctly disclosed to his cabinet assistants his purpose to avert war if it was possible with a just solution of the Cuban problem, and he had felt from the disposition manifested by Spain that this just solution could be reached. This, however, is without considering congress, which may now that the subject is formally before it take some radical action.

Meantime at the state department cablegrams were being received from Minister Woodford, and the Spanish minister, Senor Polo y Bernabe, was in a lengthy conference with Judge Day as to the prospective adjustment. The meeting between the Spanish minister and Judge Day came after the cabinet conference, so that such representation as Spain submitted through him did not get before the cabinet. At least two of these new phases submitted by the minister were of exceeding importance. The Spanish government made it known that no objection would be made to the humanitarian objects of the United States government in extending relief to the sufferers in Cuba on a far greater scale than hitherto had been contemplated.

On the contrary, Spain has made known that it recognizes the humane purposes animating this country and that it does not doubt that these purposes will be executed in such a way as to avoid all opportunities for friction. It is not expected that the relief will be carried in warships, as this would introduce a political aspect into a project which is purely humane. This acquiescence by Spain clears the way for the president's message of the next few days asking a large appropriation for the relief of the destitution in Cuba. It had been feared that this relief, given directly by the United States government, would be resented by Spain as indirect intervention. In that event there is little reason to doubt the relief would have been forwarded at any cost, even the cost of war, as the administration has felt that a war in behalf of a humane object would command the universal approbation of the world.

Another important Spanish document which reached the government during the day was the abstract of the report of the Spanish naval commission which investigated the destruction of the Maine. It is the only answer Spain has thus made to the action of this government in submitting to Spain, through Minister Woodford, the abstract of the American report. It is a substantial answer.

ed by the Spanish commission are directly the opposite of those of the American court. No demands have been made in connection with the Maine; and therefore there is no response beyond the submission of the Spanish report.

At the war and navy departments the stir of preparation continued as usual. The navy department made plans for a "mosquito fleet," to be composed of tugs and steam yachts recently purchased and armed as an auxiliary fleet. The war department made numerous shifts in the location of troops in the west, with a view to their speedy concentration.

Options on two protected cruisers building at the Vulcan Works, in Stettin, have been offered to the United States. These cruisers are under construction for the Chinese government and have not hitherto been looked upon with any great favor by the officials of this government who have been canvassing the world for men-of-war.

THE SENATE CROWDED.

Reading of President's Message and the Report Listened to Breathlessly.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—A scene of intense interest was presented in the senate yesterday when the president's message transmitting the findings of the Maine court of inquiry was received. The galleries were packed to the doors and the attendance of senators was quite as large as it has been at any time during the present session. Eager to ascertain the full findings of the court, scores of members of the house, after the adjournment of that body, had hurried to the senate chamber, and the floor was crowded with them.

When the reading of the president's message was begun a hush so marked fell over the chamber that one literally might have heard a pin fall. Throughout the reading of both the message and the findings of the court there was not the slightest demonstration. Following closely upon the message and findings came the speech of Mr. Money of Mississippi upon his recent observations in Cuba and the deductions from them which he had made.

He spoke extemporaneously and his vigorous and at times impassioned eloquence carried his auditors in full sympathy with him. Upon the announcement of Representative Simpkins' death the senate adjourned.

The reading of the president's message in the house was listened to with breathless interest by the members and the spectators in the galleries, who were crowded in like sardines in a box. Just one wave of applause swept from floor to ceiling, and then the death of Representative Simpkins of Massachusetts was announced and the house adjourned.

SPANISH COURT'S REPORT.

Synopsis of the Findings, Which Claim Explosion Was Internal.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—A full synopsis of the report of the Spanish naval commission which investigated the destruction of the battleship Maine is here given. It is taken from a copy of the original report which is now on its way here from Havana, the synopsis being cabled in the meantime and yesterday placed in the hands of this government. The conclusions reached are directly opposite to those in the report of the court of inquiry submitted to congress. The synopsis is as follows:

"The report contains declarations made by ocular witnesses and experts. From these statements it clearly deduces and proves the absence of all those attendant circumstances which are invariably present on the occasion of the explosion of a torpedo.

"The evidence of witnesses comparatively close to the Maine at the moment is to the effect that only one explosion occurred; that no column of water was thrown in the air; that no shock to the side of the nearest vessel was felt, nor on land was any vibration noticed and that no dead fish were found.

"The evidence of the senior pilot of the harbor states that there is abundance of fish in the harbor, and this is corroborated by other witnesses. The assistant engineer of works states that after explosions made during the execution of works in harbor he has always found dead fish.

"The divers were unable to examine the bottom of the Maine, which was buried in the mud, but a careful examination of the sides of the vessel, the rents and breaks in which all point outward, shows without a doubt that the explosion was from the inside.

"A minute examination of the bottom of the harbor around the vessel shows absolutely no sign of the action of a torpedo, and the fiscal (judge advocate) of the commission can find no precedent for the explosion of the storage magazine of a vessel by a torpedo.

"The report makes clear that owing to the special nature of the proceedings followed and the absolute respect shown for the extra territoriality of the Maine the commission has been prevented from making such an examination of the inside of the vessel as would determine even the hypothesis of the internal origin of the accident. This is to be attributed to the regrettable refusal to permit of the necessary co-operation of the Spanish commission both with the commander and crew of the Maine and the different American officers commissioned to investigate the causes of the accident and later on with those employed in salvage work.

"The report finishes by stating that an examination of the inside and outside of the Maine as soon as such examination may be possible, as also of the bottom where the vessel rests, will prove that, supposing the remains of the wreck not to be totally or partially altered in the process of extraction, the explosion was undoubtedly due to some interior cause."

VIEWS OF CONGRESSMEN.

What They Have to Say of the Message and Inquiry Court's Report.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—A number of congressmen have been interviewed as to their opinions on the message of

the president and the report of the court of inquiry. The following are a few of the expressions of opinion:

Cummings (Dem., N. Y.), a member of the naval committee: "In my opinion the blowing up of the Maine ought to be considered one of the main factors in the case against Spain. The Spaniards are proverbial for their trickery. Their policy is one of delay. By shunting the issue made by the blowing up of the Maine they concentrate everything on the issue of the feeding of their own starving people. If I understand the president the Spaniards are unwilling that we should tax ourselves to feed this people, and if they finally agree to allow us to do so it will be a special favor to us and remove all pretext for interference. I have no comment to make. The American people will make their own comment and make it so loud that even the deaf will hear them."

Quigg (Rep., N. Y.), a member of the foreign affairs committee: "The fact disclosed in the message are those and only those which have been anticipated, and their effect on public feeling is naturally discounted. The president states them clearly and defines a course which becomes the chief magistrate of a sober, right intending and self confident people. He is acting with absolute good judgment, and I, as one representative, purpose to sustain him. War is hideous and should be resorted to only when no other course is possible in justice and self respect."

Russell (Rep., Conn.), a member of the ways and means committee: "The president's message transmitting the report and evidence of the Maine board of inquiry was calm and dispassionate, befitting the gravity of the subject. Congress and the country ought to receive this message of the president and the report as the forerunner of some decisive action, delayed for only two reasons—First, to exhaust every effort to preserve peace with honor to ourselves and justice to Cuba, and second to prepare most effectively for war."

Mr. Brownell (Rep., O.): "The finding of the naval court fixes conclusively the responsibility for the explosion upon the Spanish authorities. No private individual could have procured or used such a mine as the report refers to without the knowledge, at least, and probably the connivance of the Spanish officials at Havana. I believe in holding Spain strictly accountable for the loss of our vessel and the murder of our men."

Mr. McGuire (Dem., Cal.): "The evident purpose of the president's message is to relegate the Maine incident to a subordinate place and to diplomatic adjustment."

Thomas M. Jett (Dem., Ill.): "The message of the president was along the lines he has thus far been following; that is, he is apparently wanting more time, and it will give the Spanish government a further opportunity to annihilate the Cubans and prepare for war."

Mr. Heatwole (Rep., Minn.), a member of the foreign affairs committee, said the message and report would have to be considered by his committee, and he did not think it proper for him to express an opinion in advance.

Mr. Grosvenor (Rep., O.) said he had no comment to make on the message.

Mr. Livingston (Dem., Ga.): "The message reads like an apology."

Mr. McCleary (Rep., Minn.): "The report is not full enough to warrant one in stating a final opinion."

ANGLO-AMERICAN UNITY.

Alfred Austin, Poet Laureate, Smiles His Lyre to This Tune.

LONDON, March 29.—Alfred Austin, the British poet laureate, has just written the following poem:

What is the voice I hear
On the wind of the western sea?
Sentinel, listen from out Cape Clear
And say what the voice may be.
'Tis a proud, free people calling loud
To a people proud and free.

"And it says to them, 'Kinsmen, hail!
We severed have been too long;
Now let us have done with a wornout tale,
The tale of an ancient wrong.
And our friendship last long as love
Doth last and be stronger than
Death is strong.'"

Answer them, sons of the selfsame race
And blood of the selfsame clan,
Let us speak with each other, face to face,
And answer as man to man,
And loyally love and trust each other as
None but free men can.

Now fling them out to the breeze,
Shamrock, thistle and rose,
And the star spangled banner unfurl
With these,
A message to friends and foes,
Wherever the sails of peace are seen and
wherever the war wind blows.

A message to bond and thrall to wake,
For wherever we come, we twain,
The throne of the tyrant shall rock and quake
And his menace be void and vain,
For you are lords of a strong young
land and we are lords of the main.

Yes, this is the voice on the bluff March
gale,
"We severed have been too long;
But now we have done with a wornout
tale,
The tale of an ancient wrong.
And our friendship last long as love
doth last and be stronger than
Death is strong."

Ministers Demand Intervention.

CHICAGO, March 29.—The Methodist and Congregational ministers of Chicago went on record at their weekly meetings in regard to the trouble between the United States and Spain. In each case resolutions were adopted favoring immediate intervention in behalf of the starving Cubans and favoring the use of force if necessary in supplying them with food. The president's course in regard to the matter was heartily commended at each meeting.

CONGRESS HAS IT.

Full Report of the Maine
Court Submitted to
Both Houses.

MESSAGE OF EXECUTIVE.

Abstract of Testimony Heard by the
Court of Inquiry.

WHAT CAPTAIN SIGSBEE SAID.

Ensign Powelson's Evidence Points to External Cause—Gunner's Mate Smith Found Plates Blown Inward—Discipline of the Ship Was Perfect.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The president yesterday sent the following message to congress:

To the Congress of the United States:

For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor our consular representatives pointed out the advantages to flow from the visit of national ships to the Cuban waters, in accustoming the people to the presence of our flag as the symbol of good will and of our ships in the fulfillment of the mission of protection to American interests, even though no immediate need therefor might exist.

Accordingly on the 24th of January last, after conference with the Spanish minister in which the renewal of visits of our war vessels to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted, the peninsular authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this government to resume friendly naval visits at Cuban ports and that in that view the Maine would forthwith call at the port of Havana. This announcement was received by the Spanish government with appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine and with notification of intention to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United States. Meanwhile the Maine entered the port of Havana on the 25th of January, her arrival being marked with no especial incident besides the exchange of customary salutes and ceremonial visits.

The Maine continued in the harbor of Havana during the three weeks following her arrival. No appreciable excitement attended her stay. On the contrary, a feeling of relief and confidence followed the resumption of the long interrupted friendly intercourse. So noticeable was this unusual general strongly urged that the presence of our ships in Cuban waters should be kept up by retaining the Maine at Havana or in the event of her recall by sending another vessel there to take her place.

THE FATAL EXPLOSION.

At 40 minutes past 9, in the evening of the 15th of February, the Maine was destroyed by an explosion, by which the entire forward part of the ship was utterly wrecked. In this catastrophe 2 officers and 264 of her crew perished, those who were not killed outright by her explosion being penned between decks by the tangle of wreckage and drowned by the immediate sinking of the hull. Prompt assistance was rendered by the neighboring vessels anchored in the harbor, aid being especially given by the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XII and the Ward line steamer City of Washington, which lay not far distant. The wounded were generously cared for by the authorities of Havana, the hospitals being freely opened to them, while the earliest recovered bodies of the dead were interred by the municipality in a public cemetery in the city. Tributes of grief and sympathy were offered from all official quarters of the island.

The appalling calamity fell upon the people of our country with crushing force, and for a brief time an intense excitement prevailed, which in a community less just and self-controlled than ours might have led to hasty acts of blind resentment. This spirit, however, soon gave way to the calmer processes of reason and to the resolve to investigate the facts and await material proof before forming a judgment as to the cause, the responsibility and the facts warranted the remedy due. This course necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive, for only in the light of a dispassionately ascertained certainty could it determine the nature and measure of its full duty in the matter. The usual procedure was followed, as in all cases of casualty or disaster to national vessels of any maritime state. A naval court of inquiry was at once organized, composed of officers well qualified by rank and practical experience to discharge the onerous duty imposed upon them.

A DISPASSIONATE INVESTIGATION. Aided by a strong force of wreckers and divers the court proceeded to make a thorough investigation on the spot, employing every available means for the impartial and exact determination of the causes of the explosion. Its operations have been conducted with the utmost deliberation and judgment, and while independently pursued no source of information was neglected and the fullest opportunity was allowed for a simultaneous investigation by the Spanish authorities.

The finding of the court of inquiry was reached after 23 days of continuous labor, on the 21st of March instant, and having been approved on the 22d by the commander in chief of the United States naval force on the north Atlantic station was transmitted to the executive.

It is herewith laid before the congress, together with the voluminous testimony taken before the court.

Its purport is, in brief, as follows: When the Maine arrived at Havana, she was conducted by the regular government pilot to buoy No. 4, to which she was moored in from five and one-half to six fathoms of water.

The state of discipline on board and the condition of her magazines, boilers, coal bunkers and storage compartments were found to be perfect, with the exception

tion that excellent order prevailed and that no indication of any cause for an internal explosion existed in any quarter.

At 8 o'clock in the evening of Feb. 15 everything had been reported secure, and all was quiet.

At 40 minutes past 9 o'clock the vessel was suddenly destroyed. There were two distinct explosions, with a brief interval between them. The first lifted the forward part of the ship very perceptibly. The second, which was more open, prolonged and of greater volume, is attributed by the court to partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines.

The evidence of the divers establishes that the after part of the ship was practically intact and sank in that condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part was completely demolished.

FINDINGS SUMMARIZED.

Upon the evidence of a concurrent external cause the finding of the court is as follows:

At frame 17 the outer shell of the ship, from a point 11½ feet from the middle line of the ship and 6 feet above the keel when in its normal position, has been forced up so as to be now about four feet above the surface of the water, therefore about 34 feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured.

The outside bottom plating is bent into a reversed V shape, the after wing of which, about 15 feet broad and 32 feet in length (frame 17 to frame 25), is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and the flat keel bent into an angle similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating. This break is now about six feet below the surface of the water and about 30 feet above its normal position.

In the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship at about frame 18 and somewhat on the shore side of the ship.

CREW NOT TO BLAME.

The conclusions of the court are: That the loss of the Maine was not in any respect due to fault or negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of the crew;

That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward magazines, and

That no evidence has been obtainable fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this government thereon be communicated to the government of her majesty the queen regent, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments.

It will be the duty of the executive to advise the congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked.

WILLIAM McKINLEY.

THE COURT'S REPORT.

Full Text of the Findings of the Maine Board of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The following is the full text of the report of the court of inquiry:

U. S. S. Iowa, First Rate.

Key West, Monday, March 21, 1898.

After full and mature consideration of all the testimony before it the court finds as follows:

First.—That the United States battleship Maine arrived in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, on the 25th day of January, 1898, and was taken to buoy No. 4, in from 5½ to 6 fathoms of water, by the regular government pilot.

The United States consul general at Havana had notified the authorities at that place the previous evening of the intended arrival of the Maine.

Second.—The state of discipline on board the Maine was excellent, and all orders and regulations in regard to the care of safety of the ship were strictly carried out.

All ammunition was stowed in accordance with prescribed instructions, and proper care was taken whenever ammunition was handled.

Nothing was stowed in any of the magazines or shellrooms which was not permitted to be stowed there.

The magazines and shellrooms were always locked after having been opened, and after the destruction of the Maine the keys were found in their proper place in the captain's cabin, everything having been reported secure that evening at 8 p. m.

TEMPERATURE ALL RIGHT.

The temperature of the magazines and shellrooms were taken daily and reported. The only magazine which had an undue amount of heat was the after 10 inch magazine, and that did not explode at the time the Maine was destroyed.

The torpedo warheads were all stowed in the after part of the ship under the wardroom and neither caused nor participated in the destruction of the Maine.

The dry gun cotton primers and detonators were stowed in the cabin aft and remote from the scene of the explosion. Waste was carefully looked after on the Maine to obviate danger. Special orders in regard to this had been given by the commanding officer.

Varnishes, driers, alcohol and other combustibles of this nature were stowed on or above the main deck and could not have had anything to do with the destruction of the Maine.

The medical stores were stowed aft under the wardroom and remote from the scene of the explosion.

No dangerous stores of any kind were stowed below in any of the other store-rooms.

The coal bunkers were inspected daily. Of those bunkers adjacent to the forward magazines and shellrooms four were empty—namely, B3, B4, B5, B6.

A15 had been in use that day, and A16 was full of New river coal. This coal had been carefully inspected before receiving it on board. The bunker in which it was stowed was accessible on three sides at all times, and the fourth side at this time on account of bunkers B4 and B5 being empty. This bunker, A16, had been inspected that day by the engineer officer on duty.

The five alarms in the bunkers were in working order, and there had never been a case of spontaneous combustion of coal on board of the Maine.

The two after boilers of the ship were in use at the time of the disaster, but

for auxiliary purposes only, with a comparatively low pressure of steam and being tended by a reliable watch. These boilers could not have caused the explosion of the ship. The four forward boilers have since been found by the divers and are in a fair condition.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—Showers followed by clearing weather. Wednesday; colder, winds becoming northerly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frost's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 44°; 12 m., 49°; 3 p. m., 50°.

The granting of a franchise and a five years' contract for street lighting to the Citizens' Electric Light and Power Company insures competition in the lighting business in this city, and will probably result in materially lower prices for both gas and electric light. If that result follows, the Common Council did a good thing for the people of Middletown when it gave the Citizens' Company its franchise and the lighting contract.

Two facts developed by the testimony taken by the Court of Inquiry point most conclusively to Spanish responsibility for the destruction of the Maine. One was the letter received by Consul General Lee on Feb. 10th, warning him that the Maine was to be fouly dealt with. The letter, which was produced before the Court, is withheld by the government, a most significant circumstance. Still more important, as directly implicating Spain was the statement of Capt. Stevens, of the Ward line, City of Washington, who has been familiar with Havana's harbor for years, that the fatal buoy, at which the Maine was ordered to anchor, was the least used of all the buoys in the harbor, that he had never known a man-of-war to be anchored there and that merchant vessels were very rarely ordered there. This points to the inevitable conclusion that there was a sinister motive in assigning the Maine her anchorage and that she was designedly placed over the mine which destroyed her.

Cold, colorless and perfunctory, outlining no policy and making no recommendation but for further delay, President McKinley's message, which accompanied the report on the Maine, was a disappointment to Congress and to the whole country. It was received in both houses with ominous silence, but in private conversation Senators and Representatives were outspoken in their expressions of disappointment and chagrin. Their utterances indicate that the President's dream of a united Congress, yielding to his wishes and being guided by his hand, is a thing of the past. Senators Morgan and Foraker have announced their intention to force the Cuban question to the front, the former by a resolution declaring war on Spain and the latter by a joint resolution for the recognition of Cuban independence, and unless all signs fail Speaker Reed's iron rule will not much longer avail to hold in check the war spirit that is rampant in the House. In all sections of the country the message was a chilling disappointment. The President may have done what was best for the country and therefore wisest and most statesmanlike, but in so doing he has sacrificed his personal popularity and weakened the nation's confidence in his courage and patriotism.

ONCE AT ODDS, NOW UNITED.

A Wedding With a Hint of Romance.—Chas. W. Hill and Mrs. Thorne, who were married last night, quarreled over Dr. Darwood.

The wedding of Charles W. Hill and Mrs. Thirza Margaret Thorne, which occurred Monday night, was not without a tinge of romance. A few years ago, Mrs. Thorne and her fifteen-year-old son lived on the third floor of the building in which Budwig & Co. are located, and Mr. Hill's family lived on the second floor. During the sensational Darwood trial Mrs. Thorne and Mr. Hill, both attendants on St. Paul's Church, took opposite sides. The result was a coldness which resulted in Mrs. Thorne's moving from the house. The transfer of Darwood, however, slowly healed the difference in the congregation and the friendship of these two families was re-established, and after the death of Mr. Hill's first wife he found solace for his grief in the smiles of Mrs. Thorne.

Monday night Mr. Hill and Mrs. Thorne stood under a floral bower in an alcove in her home, No. 28 Monahan avenue, and Rev. Dr. Frank L. Wilson, who succeeded Dr. Darwood, made them one. About twenty-five friends were present. The couple were attended by Frank Mason, brother of the bride, of Newark, and Miss Annie Canfield, of Newark, N. J. The bride was attired in a gown of golden silk, trimmed with point lace, and she carried a bouquet of bridal roses.

A reception followed the ceremony and late in the evening the couple went to the groom's home, No. 20 Beattie avenue, where they will reside in the future.

Among the guests at the wedding were Mrs. Herman Keener, sister of the bride, of Elizabeth, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Pratt, of New York city.

WAR TALK IN THE SENATE.

Resolutions Offered Declaring War—Recognizing Cuban Independence and Directing the President to Drive Spanish Forces Out of Cuba.—Senator Mason Announced That He Was for War and the Galleries Cheered—Populists and Silver Republicans Favor Cuban Independence.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Senators and others, who have talked with the President, say that the proposition for an armistice came from Spain and while it is being considered in connection with other negotiations the President insisted that any proposed armistice must be complied with. Other conditions are not stated but look to permanent peace and self-government by the Cubans.

It was stated by one senator that matters would be brought to a head within a very short time. In the Senate, to-day, Senator Rawlins, of Utah, introduced a joint resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba and declaring war against Spain. Foraker offered a resolution for Cuban independence.

Foraker spoke of the delays caused by the De Lome incident and the Maine incident, but declared that the Cuban question would come up, whatever was done about the Maine.

Senator Frye introduced a resolution reciting the conditions in Cuba, and directing the President, in his discretion, to take steps to drive Spain's naval and military forces from the island of Cuba, and to secure complete independence for the island.

All these resolutions went to the Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Mason followed the introduction of the resolutions with a vigorous war speech. Mr. Mason said the Maine catastrophe should be replied to vigorously. He could not speak for others but as for himself he was for war. This declaration brought out a vigorous outburst of applause from the galleries. His demand was that the Spanish flag should be driven from the Western Hemisphere. The Populists and Silver Republicans of both Houses held a conference, to-day, and it resulted in a resolution presented by Allen in the Senate and Bell in the House, declaring for Cuban Independence.

RUSSIA'S TRIUMPH IN THE EAST

Port Arthur and the Port of Ta-Lian-Wan Ceded to It.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 29.—Official announcement is made that Port Arthur and the Port of Ta-Lian-Wan have been ceded to Russia and will be immediately occupied by Russian troops and the Russian flag hoisted by the side of the Chinese flag.

The cessions are for twenty-five years but may be renewed. The Port of Ta-Lian-Wan will be opened to foreign trade.

THE CABINET UNITED.

All Members Are in Hearty Accord With the President.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—At the close of the Cabinet meeting, to-day, Secretary Alger gave out the following statement: "So far from there being any difference of opinion among the members of the Cabinet, they are all in hearty accord with the President. He must take one step at a time. There need be no fear that he will not take the next."

UNDER THE STARS AND STRIPES

Our Flag Over the Torpedo Boat Bouzht in Germany.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BERLIN, March 29.—Lieut. John J. Knapp, U. S. N., has hoisted the stars and stripes over the torpedo boat purchased at the Schichan Yards, on Monday. She was christened the Somers.

AFTER MORE VESSELS

Negotiating for the Purchase of Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BERLIN, March 29.—Lieut. Commander Niblack, U. S. N., has opened negotiations with the Stettin and Vulcan yards for the purchase of torpedo boat destroyers.

FUTURE OF "THE PALM."

Leased to a New York Party.—Mr. Rowley May Remain.

W. D. Oakes, the owner of the building occupied by "The Palm," on West Main street, has announced to his tenants, Strait & Hoey and W. R. Rowley, that he has leased "The Palm" for fifteen years to a man named Purcell, of New York city. Mr. Rowley has been invited to remain there, but Strait & Hoey will retire.

To Muster When the Fire Bell Rings.

Major Chase, of the 12th Battalion, has issued an order to members of the 5th and 10th companies, of Newburgh, that the continuous ringing of the fire bell will be a summons for every man to report without delay at the armory.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers the famous little pills. W. D. Olney.

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A Glad Deliverance.

The Newburgh Daily News makes the glad announcement that its financial difficulties are at an end. New capital has been enlisted, and all claims against the company adjusted. Major Weston, who, as receiver of the company, rescued it from its troubles, becomes secretary and treasurer of the company, and will have charge of its financial management. William H. Keefe, who has made the News what it is, will continue as editor and as president of the company.

Dr. Miles' Pink Pills are guaranteed to stop Headache in 20 minutes. "One sent a dose."

DIED.

MOHAIR.—In this city, March 28th, '98, Sarah Seeley Mohair, in her sixtieth year. Funeral service will be held from the residence of her son, Benjamin Seeley, No. 182 Railroad avenue, Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

REEVE.—Entered into rest, March 28th '98, in this city Margaret C. widow of the late hauncey P. Reeve, aged eighty one years, five months, twenty days. Funeral notice will appear to-morrow.

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Dry Goods of the best standard qualities, lower than ever before.

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Theodora, 2 clasp, at \$1.00.	Fowler, 4 hook, \$1.35.
Abbutt, 2 clasp Suede, \$1.25.	William, 4 hook, \$1.00.
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FOR RENT—Parish cottage, six rooms, Richmond Heights, Mountain avenue, also Carter cottage, Genung street. Rent very low. EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, Rooms 8 and 9 Times Building, King street.

FOR MEN.

Enter Spring Overcoats No leaders. All bargains. \$5 up. Our \$6.98 coat is the greatest value in our city. A fine covert cloth, not the slouchy kind, French faced, satin piped, box style, silk sewed.

With one of our Easter Gloves at 63c, formerly \$1, and our new nobby Silver Cap Cane, you will be ready for the Easter parade.

MORRIS B. WOLF,

Blue Front Store, One Price Only, 10 North St.

Always in the Lead at STERN'S.

The arrival of new spring goods at our store consists of

NEW SPRING CAPES, JACKETS, SHIRT WAISTS, SILK WAISTS and a Fine Line of Separate Dress Skirts.

A Satin Brocaded Skirt for \$4.95 is a beauty. We are showing quite a line of Spring Millinery in all its branches. Come and see at our handsome store.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.

FRAMED PICTURES.

Attractive and artistic at 43, 97c., \$1.29, \$1.97, \$2.47 and so on.

—Genuine Water Colors, neatly framed, at 98c and \$1.19.

—Framed Etchings at 98c., \$1.25, \$1.39.

—Do you want a good Fountain Pen? We have them at \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50.

—Easter Cards and Novelties are ready.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

A Bargain.

We can give a man or boy a special bargain in anything in the line of heavy goods just now. We would sacrifice on them and have the ready money rather than pack them away until next winter. We have been through our heavy stock for the last time before packing away, and have cut prices unmercifully. Come right along and get a

Heavy Suit, Overcoat or Ulster, Horse Blankets,

in fact anything you want. Remember, too, that new goods in Custom and Ready-made Clothing, Hats, Gents' Furnishings, etc., are now being shown by us and sold too.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

16-18 East Main St., Middletown

Thunder and Lightning

Has made its appearance, also our stock of

SPRING CAPES!

DON'T BE AFRAID OF EITHER.

We Know the Prices on Our Capes

Will Not Hurt You, Even if They are So Low that They Scare You.

STOP AND EXAMINE THEM

WHEN OUT SHOPPING.

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Those special Black Suits had made at MONTY'S BINDER, 30 North Street, Middletown, are first class and the price very slight.



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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

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WANTED By Old Established House—High Grade Man or Woman, of good character, to act as manager here and do office work and correspondence at their home. Business already built up and established here. Salary \$500. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope for our terms to A. P. T. Elder, General Manager, 129 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. First Floor.

JUST STARTED! ICE CREAM SODA.

It will keep going from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. (Saturdays 10 p. m.) all days but Sunday. (Our Soda Fountain goes "dry" on Sunday.)

Good rich Ice Cream, our famous Full Fruit Syrups, pure soda water as cold as ice can make it. All sweet, clean and wholesome, all as perfect as skill and care can produce. All in a dainty gill edged tumbler at 5 cents a glass and no thanks to the sugar trust. When out walking or shopping step in, take a chair and have a glass of Ice Cream Soda.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

CHAMOIS SKINS—Oil dressed and durable—Warranted not to harden after using in water. Just the thing for carriages and window washing.

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\$22.50

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Solid Oak Sideboard

Piano finished, serpentine top, large bevel French plate mirror, trimmed with brass cast handles. Base has two small and 1 large drawer and two lower.

A Highly Polished Oak Extension Table.

with heavy duted legs, neatly carved.

SOLID OAK CHAIRS,

with an antique finish, high back, nicely upholstered very strong.

ALL NEW GOODS.

CARPETS AND CROCKERY which give satisfaction of being

The Cheapest Place in the City.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—\$200 draws prize at Greenleaf's.
—Garden seeds at C. N. Fredmore & Son's.
—Pork to be sold at Greenleaf's.
—Dining room set \$22.50 at France & Hathaway's.
—Spring appetizers at Dwyer & Mundy's.
—Claims against Patrick Kelly.
—Basket ball show 97c at Katsinger's.
—Meeting of Middletown Fair and Driving Park Association, April 5th.
—Spring military opening, this week, at the New Idea.
—Properties to let by E. E. Conkling.
—When ailing, take Munyon's Remedies.
—Beechache cured by Benson's Caprine Plasters.
—Cancer cured by Hale's Horsebrand, Honey and Tar.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills.
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Smoker at the armory, to-night.
—Port Jervis is holding its corporation election, to-day.
—Water was let into most of the levels of the D. and H. Canal, yesterday.
—"My Friend From India" at the Casino, next Friday evening, April 1st.
—There is a breath of Spring in this,—the trout season on Long Island opens to-day.
—The Gonzalez Opera Co. will appear in the Chimes of Normandy at the Casino, to-night.
—Guy Brothers at the Casino, Thursday night. Price twenty-five, thirty-five and fifty cents.
—On our inside pages will be found the full text of the findings of the Maine Court of Inquiry.
—Of the 543 Regents' examination papers sent to Albany from the Port Jervis academy, 524 were accepted.
—The Gonzalez Opera Company went to the State Hospital, this afternoon, and gave an entertainment for the patients.
—The regular weekly drill of the 24th Separate Company will be omitted, this evening, in consequence of the smoker and clam supper.
—The Gonzalez Opera Co. will give a matinee at the Casino, to-morrow afternoon, producing "Pinafore" with the whole company and chorus.
—The congregation of Trinity M. E. Church, Newburgh, has raised a purse of \$400 for Rev. Charles H. Snedeker, whose three years' pastorate ended Sunday.
—Jay Sage, a well known farmer of South New Berlin, committed suicide Sunday, by shooting himself through the head. Dependancy on account of consumption caused the act.
—The Veriscope Company, which had the exclusive privilege of taking pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight at Carson City, will produce the pictures complete at the Casino, next Monday evening.
—The trading stamp stores in New Jersey closed their doors, Saturday night, but it is announced that they will test the constitutionality of the bill prohibiting the use of stamps and other trade premiums.
—Remember "My Friend From India" will be produced at the Casino, next Friday evening. The play is well known here and Walter Perkins, the original barber, is in the cast. The company is considered one of the best.

PERSONAL.

—J. H. Wallick is in town, to-day.
—W. H. Kuapp, of Paterson, is visiting in town.
—W. H. Hyde shows some improvement, to-day.
—Mrs. J. H. Wallick shows some improvement, to-day.
—Miss Eleanor Shafer went to New York City, to-day for a week's visit.
—John Collins has gone to New York city to have an operation performed.
—Capt. C. C. Veber has removed from South street to No. 166 West Main street.
—Dr. Adams, of New York city, is the guest of Dr. A. P. Powelson, at the State Hospital.
—Mrs. Clarence Wickham, of Port Jervis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dorrance.
—Hugo Ostendorf, the well known mail clerk, is confined to his home by an attack of rheumatism.
—Arthur Kirby, a son of David Kirby, of Wawayanda, is visiting his numerous relatives in Sullivan county.
—Mrs. J. W. Skidmore, of Bridgeport, Ct., who has been visiting her husband, of the Wallkill Hat Works, returned home, to-day.

DESERTED WIFE LEAVES TOWN.

Mrs. Pyle's Cats and Bird Remained True to Her Even if Her Husband Proved False.
Mrs. John C. Pyle left for Boston, to-day, having heard nothing from her missing husband. She was accompanied by two beautiful black cats, and to a friend who conversed with her at the station, this morning, she said: "My cats remain with me even if my husband does desert me."
She also carried a canary which seemed to have remained true to her.

Annual Meeting of the Middletown Fair and Driving Park Association.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Middletown Fair and Driving Park Association will be held at the Russell House, Tuesday, April 5th, at 10 o'clock, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Real Estate Notes.

—A. V. Book, real estate agent, has sold to James C. Runyon for George D. Brown, of Scranton, Pa., representing the heirs of the late Mayor D. W. Berry, a lot adjoining the residence of Mr. Runyon, on Grove street, 50x289. Price, \$9,500.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

MUCH BUSINESS DONE AT LAST NIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING.

A Franchise Granted the Citizens' Electric Light Co., and a Five Years' Contract for Street Lighting Awarded It—The Water Question to Be Voted On Again, April 22d—Tax Sale Notice—Culinary to Be Inspected—Sewer and Street Improvements—Much Minor Business.

The Citizens' Electric Light and Power Company was given a franchise at Monday night's session of the Common Council, and it was followed up by the award of a contract to light the city for five years for \$9,400 per year.

This meeting was a great one for the citizens. The room was filled and there was considerable competition in the rush to be heard. President Tierney was absent owing to illness and Alderman O'Neill's chair was empty. Alderman Hirst was chairman and he presided until twenty minutes of 12.

The lighting question was the all important one, and W. F. O'Neill, who represented the new company, waited until all others who desired to address the Council were through and then stated that the company desired to know whether or not a contract was to be given in order that a plant might be constructed. When the matter was brought up by Alderman Ayres' motion that a contract now in the hands of the Mayor be made with the new company, the Mayor explained that he had not signed the contract, as it seemed to him desirable that it should be modified in some respects.

City Attorney Taylor called attention to the fact that no franchise had been granted the company. He had seen the proposed agreement and thought there were a good many shortcomings. He would not advise any official to sign it as drawn up. A little further talk developed the fact that he had drawn up a franchise which protects the city. He read it and then suggested that it be disposed of before signing a contract with the new company. Mr. O'Neill and Dr. H. C. McBair joined in the discussion which followed. The city attorney steadily sought to delay the matter, aided slightly by Alderman Gavin, while Alderman Ayres and Allen pushed it ahead. After the attorney had pointed out two blanks in the proposed franchise, they were filled with provisions that the company was to be ready to do business in six months and that a failure to operate for one year would vitiate the franchise. On motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Waldorf, a franchise was granted, all voting "aye."

Mr. Ayres then moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign a contract with the new company, which was seconded by Mr. Waldorf. Mr. Gavin amended to lay over, fearing that it was not legal to grant a contract for five years. He appealed to the attorney, who replied that he was not able to state. He would not pass upon the legality until he had time to investigate it.

Clarence Hulse, a clerk in the office of the company at present lighting the streets, had been moving around on his chair for some time, and he finally popped up and asked: "Didn't the advertisement calling for bids state one year as the time?" There was a hunting of the minutes and the young man was found to be in error, no specific time being mentioned.

Mr. Waldorf moved that the contract be given out yearly and Mr. O'Neill emphatically stated that his clients did not want a contract for one year. They would not erect a plant for that length of time. No company would do it.

Mr. Gavin—"Is it legal for a council to grant a contract for five years?"

City Attorney Taylor—"I am not now in a position to say. I want the clerk to put that on the minutes—that I am not ready to decide on the legality of this thing."

Mr. O'Neill—"I am not your counsel, but I have been counsel for the city for two years and a half and I assure you you can make such a contract. The last council contracted for this room for five years."

Mr. Hirst finally put the question. Mr. Gavin's amendment having failed of a second, and the seven aldermen present voted "aye."

ANOTHER VOTE ON WATER SUPPLY.

The next matter leading in public interest was a communication in regard to an increased water supply from the Water Board. On motion of Mr. Lawrence a special election will be held Friday, April 22d, "from 2 until 8 p. m." to again vote upon the matter. The selection of inspectors was made. Mr. Allen named J. J. Cox; Mr. Owen named John Miles; Mr. Waldorf named Charles Keener, and Mr. Gavin named Cyrus G. Taylor.

The first ballot was informal and resulted: Taylor, 3; James Gavin, 3; Cox, 3; Keener, 3; Jacob Lefever, 3; Miles, 3. Mr. Cox was declared elected without further action. The next ballot resulted: Taylor, 1; Gavin, 5; Keener, 4; Miles, 5. Messrs. Gavin and Miles were declared elected.

WILL PRINT THE CHARTER.

The council acted promptly on the charter question. There was only one bid received, that of the ARMS and MERCURY office, and on motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Owen, 100 copies in book form and 100 copies in pamphlet form were ordered for \$110.

TAX SALE MATTERS.

Several property owners seemed to have suddenly discovered that their properties were being advertised for sale, April 9, for non-payment of taxes or assessments. W. B. Boyce appeared for C. H. Hayes,

who once owned property at 17 and 19 Wickham avenue. His explanation was reasonable and the matter was referred to the Law Committee.

P. D. Nearing had a similar grievance. He had paid once for work which the city did afterward. Ex-President W. H. Hallock spoke in support of his claim. Same committee reference.

Geo. W. Powers appeared for Daniel Smith, of 12 Fairview avenue. He had purchased his property with pension money and demanded exemption from whatever part of the claim against him was reasonable. Same reference.

Thomas Nevils said his property was advertised and that he had no money to pay the taxes due. He had, however, a team, and wanted the privilege of working out the city's claim. Referred to Law Committee.

WANT CELLARS INSPECTED.

R. M. Rorty, C. D. Hanford, John E. Adams and W. H. Rogers, a committee from the Merchants' Association, was present, with Mr. Rorty as spokesman. He urged basement inspections, in the hope of reducing rates of fire insurance. A motion was promptly passed empowering Chief Higham and Capt. Veber to make inspections every two weeks.

SEWER AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS.

T. W. Davey brought up the Bonnell and Chestnut street sewers ordered last fall, and the Council voted to construct them early this season. Similar disposal was made of a petition for curbing and guttering Linden avenue from Hasbrouck to North street.

A petition for flagging the north side of West Main street, west of Monhagen avenue, and the curbing of the south side, was referred to the street committee.

The petition for the acceptance of Jay street, running west from Highland avenue to Watkins avenue, was also referred to the Street Committee.

E. S. Merrill asked that a check be sent the Water Board for the frost-taze tax now due.

"THE MACHINE" TOOK HIS LAND.

J. W. Phillips brought up the taking of four feet of his land on East Main street, without his consent when that thoroughfare was straightened. He was particularly incensed at ex-Mayor Stansbury and "the machine." He had objected to the change at the time, "but it was no use bucking the machine." It was he said, a "bunco game" all the way through, and as he had been instrumental in "turning down the machine," he supposed that was why he had been ignored. The matter was referred to the Law Committee.

REFERRED TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

John E. Adams asked permission to raise one portion of the property he recently purchased at No. 9 Orchard street and to build an addition 24x16. The Council regretted his failure to present plans, and finally referred the matter to the Building Committee with power to act.

Wm. A. Jackson Post's request that \$50 be placed in the budget for it was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

A FIRE ALARM BOX WANTED.

The petition of the Middletown Ice Company and the Orange County Brewing Company for a fire alarm box at Olive street and Lake avenue or as much nearer their plants as possible was referred to the Fire Committee with power to act.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Ex-Constable Fred B. Wood will have his bond returned to him, as requested.

A communication from Thomas Watts, which was in the nature of a claim, was referred to the city attorney without being read.

Hugh Allen, Sr., resigned as park commissioner, the duties being too arduous.

The city engineer was instructed to prepare maps for a sanitary sewer through Watkins avenue, to be submitted at the next meeting.

ALDERMAN OWEN MAKES A MOTION.

Alderman Owen, the appointee from the Third Ward, here broke his record. He made a motion. It was to the effect that all bridging of gutters with flagging be stopped, and all flagging now in use for that purpose be taken up. It was carried, and Highland avenue residents, especially G. N. Clemons, are most affected.

Applications for the position of engineer of the stone crusher from L. A. Wehn and H. W. Oles were laid upon the table.

THE GENUNG STREET TUNNEL.

Mr. Ayres brought up his pet Genung street railroad tunnel plan. He had a map of the proposed change and he asked that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the railroad officials. Mayor Mance, Attorney Taylor and Alderman Ayres were named.

The matter of improving the battery room at the Centre street fire alarm station was referred to the Building Committee.

PENALTY ON ASSESSMENTS.

Mr. Hirst's resolution was carried adding 7 per cent. to all assessments for the Centre, Depot and King street paving, Sprague avenue and East avenue from Washington street and North street extension sewers, remaining unpaid June 1.

BRIDGE AND STREET MATTERS.

Mr. Owen's request that a bridge on Mulberry street be replaced by a handsome new one, or repaired, was referred to the street committee with power to act.

The proposed grading and curbing on Beattie avenue, from Prince to Albert streets, was referred to the street committee, as was the condition of Grand avenue, from Myrtle avenue to East Main street, and the flagging avenue roads.

The acting chairman appointed the

following committee to locate the stone crusher: Messrs. Ayres, Lawrence, Gavin, Allen, Waldorf and Tierney.

The following bills were audited:

BILLS AUDITED.

C. E. Mance, expense to Albany	\$ 11 00
Pay roll	84 65
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Amos Doremus, sal.	25 00
Otis Hard-enburgh, sal.	25 00
C. S. Abrams, supplies	16 10
McMonagle & Rogers	2 50
Sewer bonds interest	400 00
J. C. Moore, cash book	3 10
R. M. Smiley, printing	40 00
J. L. LeFevre, inspector	3 00
C. G. Taylor, inspector	3 00
James Gavin, insp. etor.	3 00
Wm. Hodge, sharpening tools	2 20
C. Macardell, Jr., advertising	29 63
C. C. Veber, expense to Rochester	38 28
Police	274 65

ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON.

Middletowners Will Be Interested in the Fate of "Diamond Dick."

Two Washington detectives arrested in that city, Saturday night, a fashionably dressed, white haired man, about sixty years old, who was acting in a suspicious manner with two pretty little girls in short frocks.

The man took the girls to three houses and endeavored at each to engage a room, but did not succeed. At the police station the girls said that the man met them in the afternoon and gave them money, and promised to give them more money if they would meet him in the evening and go to his room with him.

The man gave his name as August Roberts, but the police say he is better known by the nickname of "Diamond Dick."

In a chambray bag found in his pocket were fifty-seven finger rings, more than half of them set with diamonds, and the entire lot valued at between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

A former Middletowner now residing in Washington writes us that "Diamond Jack" is no other than Dr. R. A. Sinsabangh, a dentist, who had an office in this city for many years, and who, after converting all his property into cash, left town between two days, abandoning his wife practically without funds. He has been a resident of Washington for some time.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Margaret C. Reeve.

Mrs. Margaret C. Reeve, widow of the late Chaucey P. Reeve, died about noon, to-day, at her home, 18 Roberts street.

A more extended obituary will appear to-morrow.

The Urban Relief Fund.

Mayor Mance acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions:

Previously acknowledged	\$213 89
Division No. 1, A. O. H.	5 00
Friend	2 00
Mrs. H. McEwan	1 00
Total	\$221 89

A Former Middletowner Married.

George Jones, formerly of this city, having conducted a candy store on West Main street, is married. The happy event occurred some months ago, but few of his friends here know of it. His bride was a young lady of Columbus, O., and they are living at Elmira, where Mr. Jones is engaged in the butter business.

Will Be Married, to-morrow.

Albert Bernard Mapes and Miss Edna Waring will be married at 12 o'clock noon, to-morrow, at the residence of S. S. Mapes, near Howells, where Miss Waring has lived for a number of years. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. George Hill, of the Howells Congregational Church.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT
JAN. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.
Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, March 29, '98		Yesterday	To-day
		Close	Close
Market	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
Tobacco	87	87 1/2	87 1/2
Chicago Gas	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Nat. Lead	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
General Electric	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
U. S. L. pref.	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Tenn. Coal and Iron	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
C. B. & Q.	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
R. I.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
D. L. & W.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
C. of N. J.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Erie	110	110	110
D. and H.	110	110	110
O. & W.	15	14 1/2	14 1/2
Susquehanna & Western	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Susquehanna & West., pref.	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
P. & R.	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
N. W.	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
L. S.	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
N. Y. C.	27	27 1/2	27 1/2
M. P.	27	27 1/2	27 1/2
Texas	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
G. P.	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
W. Union	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
L. & N.	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Manhattan	59	59 1/2	59 1/2
P. M.	26	26	26
Wabash, pref.	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
No. Pacific, pref.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	128	128 1/2	128 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	39	38 1/2	38 1/2
Southern, pref.	27 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
May Wheat	108 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/4
May Corn	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
May Oats	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
May Pork	\$9 40	\$9 40	\$9 40
May Lard	1 05	1 07	1 07

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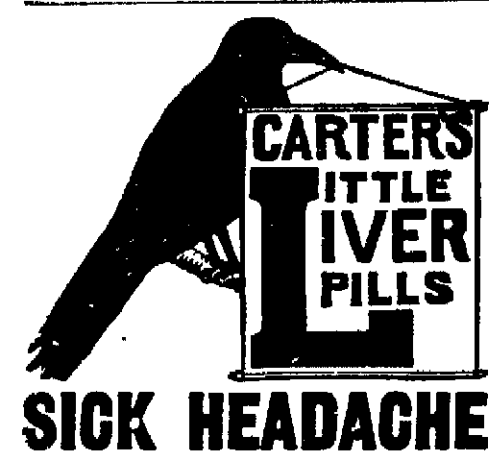
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A New Englander has invented an electric bicycle which carries storage batteries of sufficient capacity to run the motor, which is geared to the rear wheel, to propel the bicycle.

The combination of a shovel and fork has recently been patented, the shovel blade having pockets to receive the tines of the fork, with a clamp at the upper edge to attach it to the handle.

In a newly designed bicycle handle the central core is screw threaded at each end, with sections cut out to allow it to contract around the bar when the screw ferrules are turned on at each end.

In a new bicycle alarm a revolving friction wheel is mounted on a plunger with a whistle on the upper side of a casing which is blown by forcing air through it as the friction wheel turns on the tire.

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Incandescent gas burners are being fitted with electrical lighting attachments, in which the opening device extends up inside the burner to a point just below the mantle, the current turning on the gas and operating the igniter when the circuit is closed.

NOTES ON NOTABLES.

The duke of Atholl takes the palm among British peers as a many-titled man. He has 23 titles.

Walter Ralston, who travels for the Smithsonian institution, has made a special study of poisonous insects and reptiles, and has been fanged over 200 times.

The admirers of Rev. A. M. Toplady, author of that much-sung hymn, "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me," have on foot a scheme to commemorate his life and work.

The reason Charles Villiers left \$750,000 to each of his nephews was because the "Father of Parliament" was left the money by Miss Mellish. They mutually loved, but never married.

A grand army post in Norwich, Conn., is raising funds to buy the former home in that city of William A. Buckingham, the war governor of Connecticut, and preserve it as a war museum.

Mr. Gladstone is one of the greatest opponents of divorce in the English-speaking world. He believes that marriage is a contract for life, which only expires when life itself expires.

The countess of Dudley, it is said, will soon marry Dr. Jameson of Transvaal fame. The lady is still a remarkably beautiful woman, and as persistently young as the princess of Wales.

The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia has awarded to Herman C. Mueller, the artist, of Zanesville, O., the John Scott premium and medal "to the most deserving" for his process for manufacturing mosaics.

To keep alive the memory of William Terriss, the English actor, his friends have decided not to erect a monument, but to maintain a lifeboat at Margate or Ramsgate, which places were particularly loved by Terriss.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

Miss Lucy Wheelock, of Boston, has been re-elected president of the International Kindergarten union.

Mrs. Helen Douglass, widow of Frederick Douglass, has been speaking in Rochester upon "The Convict Lease System of the South."

Mrs. Carrie Swift Atwater, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has been elected president of the Vassar Alumnae association to succeed Miss Heloise E. Hersey, of Boston.

Mrs. Kate Woolsey, one of the largest real estate owners in New York city, has offered a magnificent site free for the proposed exposition of Greater New York.

Martha Partington, of Brooklyn, has been sworn in by Mayor Van Wyck as assistant clerk of the court of special sessions. She is the first woman to serve in such a capacity in New York city.

Miss Martha Schofield, who founded the Schofield school for colored youth 33 years ago, at Aiken, S. C., finds herself spent in service and without means to carry on the ever-increasing work. She asks: "Are our friends willing not to stand by us now, as in the past, for this work which belongs to all?"

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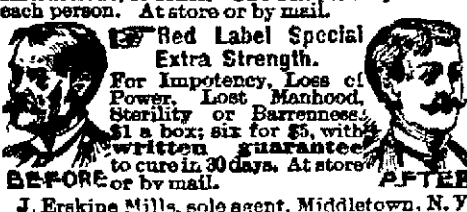
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"And was the crier a woman?" asked Hobbie.

"No, my boy; the crier was a man. What made you think the position was held by a woman?"

"Why, because a woman cries so much easier than a man does."—Yonkers Statesman.

Great Improvement.

"My husband has improved wonderfully since we were married," declared the vivacious Mrs. Slyly.

"How so?"

"Well, he accomplishes so much more. For instance, when I was single, it used to take him ten minutes to buckle on his skates. Now he can do it in two."—Detroit Free Press.

Why Men Work.

Some men work for wealth and fame. Some men strive for women's praises: Some men enjoy the game. And work away like blazes. Some men strive because that they seem to think they ought to: But most poor mortals work away just because they've got to.—Cleveland Leader.

AT THE DOOR.



Invalid—O, doctor, I'm afraid I'm pretty well at death's door!

Doctor—Don't you worry, my dear sir—we'll pull you through!—London Punch.

Why Not?

The man who buries us when dead is called, though why no one has said, An undertaker.

In future days, in language bald, He who cremates us will be called, An underbaker.

—Up-to-Date.

Now She Wonders.

Bertha—Mr. Sweetser is always saying nice things. I said to him: "Now, don't flatter me," and he said: "That would be impossible."

Edith—You don't suppose he meant that would be too much, even for him, do you? They say he is inclined to be sarcastic at times, you know.—Boston Transcript.

No Novice.

Cactus Cal—That there new minister 'f ours ain't no tenderfoot. See; he's usin' his left hand ter shake hands with th' members 'f his congregation.

Easterner—What does that signify? Cactus Cal—It don't signify nothin', stranger, but it leaves his gun-hand free.—Judge.

A Nice Thing.

Winebiddle—Wilkins has invented a telephone appliance which cannot fail to make his fortune.

Gildersleeve—What is it? Winebiddle—It is a device to enable two ladies to talk over the same wire at the same time.—Detroit Free Press.

Likes Them in Writing.

Mertie—I don't like proposals by telephone.

Marie—Why? Mertie—You never have any witnesses in case he tries to back out.—Town Topics.

True to Life.

Gavin—I could not expect my wife's photograph to be more near to perfection.

Bailey—Why not? Gavin—Her friends say it is a speaking likeness.—N. Y. Journal.

At Midnight.

First Cat—Why so sad to-night, Thomas? Second Cat—I feel so lonely and neglected! I've been weeping and waiting for an hour and nobody has thrown anything at me!—Puck.

Saying and Meaning.

Fuddy—There's one thing about Dumbleigh. He always says what he means.

Duddy—I know. But then there's no meaning in anything he says.—Boston Transcript.

A Convert.

Fergus—Do you think there is anything in second sight? Waldron—You bet I do. I'm one of the blamed fools who fell in love and got married at first sight.—Cleveland

A Quietist.

"I have stopped Aunt Josephine's talk about modern feminine immodesty."

"How did you do it?"

"I showed her her own photograph, taken when she was a year old, sitting nude in a washbowl."—N. Y. Truth.

Far-Sighted.

Willie—Can you afford to marry? Arthur—I think so. I have a clergyman friend who will do it cheap.—Up-to-Date.

This is True.

Oh, should some power the fiddle give us To see our own as others see us. 'Twould do no good, for, spite of blame, We'd chase our follies just the same.—Chicago Record.

A Conversation.

"Josephine can fairly make a piano talk."

"Yes, and all the people who hear her play talk, too."—Chicago Record.

Enough.

Trivedi—Why is not a donkey as intelligent as a horse? A friend—A donkey is as intelligent as a horse, but it is because he looks so stupid.—Judge.

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ANTON SEIDL DEAD.

Noted Music Leader Suddenly Expires in New York.

HE WAS PROBABLY POISONED BY FISH

Doctor Diagnoses the Trouble as Ptomaine Poisoning—Brief Sketch of the Career of the Great Exponent of Wagnerian Music.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Anton Seidl, the celebrated musical director, died suddenly in this city last night of poisoning, probably resulting from eating fish. Mr. Seidl left his home shortly after dinner to go to the home of his business agent, Mr. F. Bernstein. He had no sooner arrived there than he was taken violently ill. The family physician of Mr. Bernstein, Dr. Gustav Langmann, was called. He immediately diagnosed the patient's trouble as ptomaine poisoning. Mr. Seidl ate fish for his dinner, and the physician was of the opinion that the poison came from them.

About 10 o'clock Mr. Seidl became worse, and two other physicians, Dr. A. V. Moscovitz and Dr. Edward Wagner, were summoned. In spite of their efforts the patient continued to grow worse until 10:15 o'clock, when he died. At the bedside of Mr. Seidl at the time of his death were Mrs. Seidl, his wife; Mr. Bernstein and the attending physicians. The body was removed to Mr. Seidl's late residence, where the funeral services probably will be conducted. Anton Seidl was born in Pesth, Hungary, about the year 1850. When a young man, he was secretary to Richard Wagner, the composer. After leaving the studio of the celebrated Wagner he began the study of music under Hans Reichter of Leipzig. Mr. Seidl came to America about 12 years ago and at once became prominent in musical work. He was recognized as the ablest director of Wagnerian music.

A short time ago he refused a call to the Royal opera at Berlin. The offer was made to him for a term of years, but he preferred to remain in this country. In 1897 he was conductor of the Covent Garden opera, and it was his intention to produce a series of Wagner operas in London this spring.

Railway Company Reorganized.

ALBANY, March 29.—The Bombay and Moira Railway company has been incorporated with a capital of \$100,000. It is a reorganization of the Saratoga and St. Lawrence Railroad company, whose property and franchises were sold under foreclosure on Dec. 4 last. The directors are S. W. Foster of Knowlton, E. C. Smith of St. Albans, Charles Parsons of New York, Louis Hasbrouck of Ogdensburg, F. D. Kilburn and Thomas Cantwell of Malone and others.

More Evidence in the Kenny Case.

NYACK, N. Y., March 29.—Maria Disabio, in Rockland county jail, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Kenny at Sloatsburg, had her clothing examined by detectives, and under her corsets was found a shawl that has been missing from Mrs. Kenny's house since the night of the murder. When the shawl was discovered, Maria raved like a maniac and could not be controlled for a long time. Evidence in the case is gradually being increased.

A Canal Commission Appointment.

ALBANY, March 29.—The canal investigating commission met in this city yesterday and appointed as engineer Edward P. North of New York city, vice president of the American Association of Civil Engineers. After making this appointment the commission adjourned to meet in this city on Monday, April 4, to enable its counsel to consult with Engineer North to prepare for the work of the commission.

The Greenland Disaster.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 29.—A message of sympathy for the relatives of the victims of the sealing steamer Greenland has been received from Queen Victoria. The harrowing tales recited by the survivors as to their two days' suffering on the ice do not appall the whole colony. The victims received public funerals today. A relief fund has been started and has already reached large proportions.

Of Interest to Chinese Americans.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The case of the United States against Wong Kim Ark has been decided in the United States supreme court. It involved the citizenship of a person born in this country of Chinese parents, which had never heretofore been decided by the supreme court. The present decision will have the effect of confirming the citizenship of such persons.

An Order For Rubber Ponchos.

CLEVELAND, March 29.—The Cleveland Rubber Works company has received instructions by wire to commence work on a big order from the government for rubber ponchos, a combination cape and blanket used in the army. Shipments are to commence inside of four days at the rate of 2,000 ponchos per week until further notice.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows: New York—Connolly, Charles A. Snyder; East Elmhurst, Charles E. Church; Rathbone, N. P. Young; South Pultney, L. Fitzsimmons. Pennsylvania—Rockville James G. Trege; Verdall, A. S. Schrist.

Mr. Willard's Condition.

CHICAGO, March 29.—It is now stated as to Mr. E. S. Willard, the actor, that the attack of typhoid fever from which he is suffering must run its course. It will probably be two or three weeks before he can sail for Italy.

Dick O'Brien the Winner.

NEW HAVEN, March 29.—Dick O'Brien of Lewiston, Me., was given the decision on points, in a 15 round go with Dick Moore of St. Paul before the New Haven Athletic club last night.

Mr. Lives Supposed Lost.

HALIFAX, March 29.—The schooner Gladys, from St. John for New York with spring, has been found bottom up near Digby. It is supposed her crew of the south district.

AROUND THE BASES.

New York will have a home date on May 4—Charter day.

Willis, formerly of the Broctons, is to become a Klondiker. Chicago made overtures for Miller, of the Cincinnati, but was not successful.

A new diamond will be laid out on the St. Louis grounds closer to the grand stand than the old one.

Ralph Johnson, formerly with the Columbus, Cleveland & Kansas City clubs, is now in the theatrical business.

Hillebrand is likely to be Princeton's best pitcher this year. He did good work last season. Priest, a freshman, ranks next to him.

Pitcher Pond, of the Baltimores, does not believe the big balls used in the regular game of bowling are good exercises for a pitcher. He is of the opinion that small balls and "cocked bat" are the proper thing.

Fred Pfeffer has had the X-rays applied to his right hand, which was always lame during his last year on the diamond. It showed that the soreness of the once great throwing hand was caused by some kind of a peculiar bony growth on the middle knuckle. It has not been cured yet, but a Chicago physician thinks he can fix it.

"I use the lightest bat in the league," says Burkett, of the Cleveland. "It is only 32 inches long and weighs but 34 or 35 ounces. I like what is known as a bottle bat the best, because about the place where the ball comes in contact with the bat it is the same size around for several inches, making the weight evenly distributed. Wallace and I use the same bat. We have half a dozen, which last the entire season. They are hard wood. A bat seldom breaks. An in-curve hitting the handle or an out-curve hitting on the end of the bat, is liable to smash it."

THE DECISIONS OF JUSTICE.

A tribal Indian killing a member of the same tribe while off the reservation is held, in *Pablo vs. People* (Col.), 37 L. R. A. 626, to be subject to trial in state courts and under state laws, since the act of congress of March 3, 1855.

An action against stockholders, provided by the Kansas statutes, is held transitory, in *Ferguson vs. Sherman* (Cal.), 37 L. R. A. 622, so that it can be brought in any court of general jurisdiction in another state where personal service can be made upon the stockholder.

Confidential positions in the civil service for which competitive examinations need not be had are held, in *Chittenden vs. Warster* (N. Y.), 37 L. R. A. 809, to be not limited to those which are strictly secret, and a classification of such positions made by the proper officer must be held valid as to persons acting under it, until judicially determined to be erroneous.

The ejection of a person who has paid fare, without returning it, because of a refusal to pay fare for a child, is held in *Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company vs. Orndorf* (Ohio), 35 L. R. A. 140, to render the carrier liable; but before ejecting such person and child the conductor should offer to return the unused value of the ticket or fare over and above the fares for both passengers. The other authorities as to ejection of child's fare are reviewed in a note to this case.

STYLES FOR SPRING.

Fancy hose having black feet and plaid uppers.

Tailored suits with drop or separate lining skirts.

Shirt waists of pique in cross and lengthwise stripes.

Silk petticoats edged with quiltings of black ribbon.

Dressing sacques of plain-colored French flannel.

Chiffon waists covered with flat or frilled rows of ribbon.

Gingham waists in delicate pink and green, etc., plaids.

Girls' white organdie frocks trimmed with lace and ribbon.

Boys' washable suits with collar and V of plain duck, linen or pique.

Colored taffeta gowns with ruffled skirt edged with narrow velvet ribbon.

Neck ruffles of chiffon imitating flower petals, with accordion-plaited ends.

Thin colored and white robe dress patterns, with lace and embroidery trimming.

Braided embroidered vest and plain tailored gown of cheviot, covert and Venetian cloth.

Black taffeta gowns with jetted mousseline waist trimmed with jet and colored ribbon velvet.—Dry Goods Economist.

FOREIGN CAIPI.

Japan imported about \$25,000,000 worth of gold last year.

It is estimated that London spends about \$6,000,000 a day.

The Paris theaters give away an average of 8,500 free tickets daily.

Ant hills in West Africa sometimes reach the height of 15 feet.


It is estimated that in England one woman in every six earns her own living.

Last month the public loan office at Madrid sold at auction 1,160 objects placed in pawn and not redeemed.

Cosin marriages do not appear to be popular in Berlin. There were only 110 last year in a list of 18,642 marriages.

The percentage of their receipts which Paris theaters have to disgorge for the poor yielded in 1896 no less than 3,492,192 francs. The managers complain bitterly of this tax.

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